

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JIM LEHENY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Jim Leheny on his retirement from the position of Associate Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. This is a position he held at the University for the past twenty two years.

Jim Leheny will certainly be missed. In addition to his many academic and administrative duties, Jim has served as the University's federal lobbyist for many years. After retiring from his current position, Jim will continue to consult part-time for the University and direct its English Department's Oxford Summer Seminar.

Jim earned his M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and his Ph.D. at Washington University. Jim's interest was specifically in "Politics and the Arts."

The University of Massachusetts in Amherst, the flagship campus of the state's system of public higher education, has at the helm, Chancellor John Lombardi. Under his guidance, and to the benefit of many of my constituents, the University has prospered immensely. Jim Leheny has been part of that important success. I wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the budget before us today.

In a time when our schools are struggling to keep up with increasing Federal standards, this budget actually cuts funding to our schools.

It cuts funding for programs that promote equal education opportunities for low-income students, such as programs in my district in California.

It also eliminates funding for school violence and drug prevention programs.

It freezes bilingual education funding. Twenty-four percent of the students in my county of San Bernardino are English learners and depend on these programs. We should not hold back children by preventing them from learning English.

The budget will endanger the health of millions of Americans, by cutting funding to food

stamps, the nation's number one investment in nutrition and defense against hunger.

Families will be forced to make hard choices between buying groceries and paying their bills.

It will also cut funding to Medicaid by \$10 billion.

These cuts will be devastating to low-income families.

This budget also falls millions short of what is needed for Veterans' medical care. Veterans hospitals will either have to cut health care services or require local veterans to pay more for services.

Our men and women in uniform are dying in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect us, and we aren't providing the funding to protect them when they come home!

This budget also slashes funding to COPS program. The program has funded 15,801 additional police officers and 504 school resource officers in California.

It completely eliminates funding for the \$301 million State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, leaving state and local governments to pay for the jailing of undocumented immigrants convicted of crimes. San Bernardino County received more than \$1 million in these funds in 2003.

The President and Republicans in Congress talk about conservative compassion, but where's the compassion in this budget?

Instead of funding the programs that working families depend on, the President has offered tax cuts totaling over \$100 billion over five years. Most of these cuts will benefit the richest one percent of all Americans.

This budget also spends every last penny in the Social Security trust fund, \$2.6 trillion over the next 10 years.

The President entered his term with a budget surplus he inherited from President Clinton, and now he has created the largest deficit in our nation's history.

My colleagues, I urge you to vote "no" on this resolution.

RECOGNIZING SARAH GORODEZKY OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Gorodezky of Napa, California as she retires from 22 years of distinguished public service.

Since 1983, Sarah has selflessly dedicated her life to improving the lives of others through her work at various Hospices and organizations throughout Northern California. She began her career as the Executive Director for the Northern California Hospice Association. From 1985 until 1991 she directed the Oakland Hospice Program at Kaiser Permanente. In 1991 she joined Alive Hospice as the Executive Director where she worked for the next six years.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah has served the past 8 years as Executive Director for the Hospice of Napa Valley, commonly referred to as HNV. Under her leadership, the HNV earned independent non-profit status and established the Adult Day Services of Napa Valley. She also helped spearhead the campaign to raise \$7 million for a new HNV facility.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah, has played an active role on numerous boards and commissions throughout California including the California Hospice Foundation, the California Association of Adult Day Services, Napa County Coalition of Non-Profit Agencies, and the Napa County Commission on Aging. While working at the HNV, Sarah served on the Board of Directors and Council of State's Leaders for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Throughout her career Sarah has been recognized for her compassion, devotion, and outstanding public service. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization awarded her with the 1995 Heart of the Hospice Award and the 2003 Founders Award. In 2000, she was the recipient of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association's Pierce Salmon Award.

Sarah graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and earned her Masters in Adult Continuing Education from the University of Michigan.

I am sure Sarah is looking forward to spending more time with her husband Michael, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah Gorodezky's work has touched many lives throughout our community and it is appropriate that we take this time to thank Sarah for her 22 years of public service. I wish her the best as she begins her retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND ANGEL VILLARONGA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the late Reverend Angel Villaronga.

A selfless leader in our South Florida community, Reverend Villaronga touched the lives of innumerable people through his service to the St. Robert Bellarmine, Centro Hispano Católico and Movimiento Familiar Cristiano.

Host of a daily radio program called Conflictos Humanos, Reverend Villaronga was one of the first religious leaders in the South Florida community to broadcast religious programming.

Those who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember his dedication to his work and passion for others.

Reverend Villaronga was a true and sincere symbol of generosity and compassion. I am

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